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Gov. Smith

As expected, the Governor of New York won the Democratic nomination for President. Gov. Smith was not our choice, but some how his campaign for delegates swept the country and there was no chance to beat him.

He is now the nominee of the Democratic party and it will be our duty, as we see it, to support the nominee of our party.

The ultra dry element of the party will continue to fight him, some on account of his opposition to the prohibition law known as the Volstead enforcement act. Others on account of his religious views—Catholic.

The drys got what they wanted in the platform, but was unable to get a dry candidate, and for these reasons there will be many of the two classes who will desert the party on election day.

We regret to see life-long Democrats deserting the party in this fight, when able leaders are enthusiastically supporting Governor Smith and declare him to be worthy of the party's honors, and that with the South remaining true to the party's principles he will win a great victory for the party.

Bishop Cannon who took part in the construction of the platform is one of the bolters and is leading a fight against the nominee of his party. This is regreted by his friends and many members of his religious faith. Such intolerence and action will injure his church and his party.

The Democratic party is not a prohibition party and the efforts of Bishop Cannon to make it dry or Governor Smith to make it wet will not avail.

An Appreciation

The resignation of Miss A. Dean Johns as teacher of English in the Pitts High School is a serious blow, a calamity to our high school and to Paris.

Miss Johns was educated at the University of Virginia and at Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is held in the highest esteem intellectually and professionally by all who have known her. For a quarter of a century she has taught English to our boys and girls, fostering in them a love for the beauties of great literature and at the same time inspiring in them the highest principles and ideals. Miss Johns was also instrumental in organizing the Curtain club. Through the dramatic efforts of this club her students have been enabled to buy a library of modern literature—which has become an essential to the affiliation with the University of Texas.

Miss Johns is a woman of wide culture and broad charity, the beautiful admonition from the sacred scriptures, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth", is especially exemplified in her.

It is with universal regret and sorrow that we lose such a woman and such a teacher from our community. Miss Johns, who left for Appomattox, Va., was the recipient of a very large number of social courtesies on the eve of her departure—Paris, Texas, News.

Miss Johns, an Appomattox reared lady, has always had her home here, and we are glad to have her here, where she is greatly admired for her accomplishments and attainments.

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In Remembrance

In loving remembrance of our precious darling little girl, Victoria Louise Woodson, who departed this life one year ago, June 30, 1927.

Dear Victoria:

How your little voice and sweet sunny smile is missed in your earthly home. Your vacant chair can never be filled. Yet, if we could, we would not call you back for we know that you are far happier in your Heavenly Home within the shelter of God's loving arms, where no pain nor sorrow can molest you there.

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Saturday Ball Games

Buckingham

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Harding ss	5	0	1	1	2	0
McLaughlin c	4	0	1	5	0	0
Grant, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Shepherd 1b	4	0	1	9	0	0
Carlock, 2b	4	0	1	1	3	0
Thompson 3b	4	0	0	0	2	0
Neal rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Wright rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Beckham, p	4	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	33	0	5	18	10	0

Score by innings:

Buckingham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Appomattox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3—3

Phenix

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Ramsey s	4	2	1	1	3	0
Gilliam c	4	0	1	6	1	0
Morton 3b	4	0	1	1	2	0
Hall 1b	4	0	0	7	0	0
Adams lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Hall cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Harper 2b	4	0	1	2	3	0
Rice rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Andrews, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	36	3	5	20	11	0

Pamplin

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Farrar c	4	0	0	5	1	0
Farrar 1b	4	0	0	8	0	0
E. Marshall ss	4	0	0	2	2	0
Irvin 2b	4	0	0	2	2	0
A. Marshall p-lb	4	0	0	0	4	0
Adams lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Whitehead cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Pankey rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Wright rf-p	4	1	2	0	1	0
Totals	35	1	2	27	12	0

Score by innings:

Phenix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Pamplin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1

Games next Saturday – Appomattox at Pamplin—Phenix at Buckingham.

Nation on Wheels

If all the passenger trains in the United States were filled to capacity about 6,000,000 persons could ride at the same time. On the other hand there are enough automobiles in the country to carry 60,000,000 of our people at once.—Pathfinder Magazine.

RELIEF FROM CURSE OF CONSTIPATION

A Battle Creek physician says: "Constipation is responsible for more misery than any other cause."

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SNAKE EXPERT GETS SOME ODD SPECIMENS

Makes Study of Some of Deadliest Reptiles.

New York.—Dr. Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of reptiles at the Bronx zoo, returned to New York recently after some weeks at Tela, Honduras, where he studied the bites, fangs, and poisons of some of the deadliest snakes in the Americas. He brought back stories of extracting poison from living barba amarillas, or yellow-beards, and tropical rattlers; of expeditions made through territory infested with howling monkeys, manatees, crocodiles, and reptiles of all sorts; and of taking moving pictures of the noxious jungle life.

He also heralded the approach of the steamer Tivares, which is due in New York in a few days. In the hold of this ship are two large yellow-beards, two tropical rattlesnakes, two coral snakes, several harmless "imitators" of coral snakes, vine snakes, five green whip snakes, eight or ten giant toads, and some tree toads that sound like riveting machines.

Whipsnake Is Curious.

All the reptiles were alive when Doctor Ditmars supervised their removal to the ship at Tela. He himself went from Tela to Florida and traveled north from Miami by automobile, studying wild life of the seaboard while en route.

The strange specimens he is bringing to New York in the Tivares will go to make the reptile house at the Bronx zoo bigger and better. Of all these reptiles the whipsnake is, perhaps, the most curious, Doctor Ditmars said. It is seven feet long, and less than a finger's breadth in diameter. The vine snake, he said, is mildly poisonous, while the giant toad —ten inches from stern to stern—exudes a noxious saliva that acts like a local anesthetic on whosoever is bitten. Doctor Ditmars said he got some of this poison on his finger. He put his finger in his mouth, and his tongue was benumbed for some time.

The reptile that is an imitation of the coral snake, according to Doctor Ditmars, plays upon its appearance to make a living. It is monpolsonous and slightly larger than the coral snake, but otherwise it is a "dead ringer" for its smaller cousin. It will wriggle up to a coral snake, make friends with it, and then proceed to strangle and devour it. Such an action may be unscrupulous, according to Doctor Ditmars, but it keeps the imitator content from the standpoint of sustenance.

What interested Doctor Ditmars above all was the yellow-beard. "We had some unusual and exciting experience," he said, "and we also learned some truly astonishing things. We saw snakes so deadly that a man goes blind a few minutes after being bitten. Even the bite of an infant of one of these reptiles—say, one a few days old—will cause death.

It is rare for the yellow beard to give birth to a litter as low as fifty. Usually a litter consists of seventy-five. The barba amarilla is so called because of its bright yellow chin and throat. It grows to a length of eight feet. Doctor Ditmars captured eight yellow beards on a banana plantation.

Of the tropical rattler, Doctor Ditmars said it was more deadly than the United States relative. It ejects an almost colorless poison that will paralyze the neck muscles of its victim in a few minutes. Doctor Ditmars saw many of these rattlers in pits.

Doctor Ditmars told of the diamondore, a snake that is larger than the yellow-beard, which leaps at its victim and strikes him about the knee. He said he hadn't seen a diamondore himself, but that Dr. William B. Valler had.

While in Honduras Doctor Ditmars took 5,000 feet of film, thus completing his moving picture study of poisonous snakes and serums. He told of motoring through eighteen miles of jungle in teh hours to a lagoon filled with manatees and crocodiles.

Monkeys howled at the automobiles. The roads were so bad that the occupants of the cars were afraid to move forward in the dark without first exploring the way on foot with coats, shirts, or trousers soaked in gasoline for flares. One automobile hit a stump and had to be abandoned and the other repaired.

Laziness Called Reason for Mechanical Progress

Oxford, England.—Lecturing to the Universities congress, Professor Burstall, of Birmingham university, told his hearers that "science is going to put into our hands the possibility of a heaven on earth.

"The only limits to what we can do, lie within ourselves," he said, "but I venture to think that unless the human being makes up his mind which way he wants to go this science, instead of being a blessing will be a curse.

"Science is cutting down the hours of labor. The work of the future will be done in the most comfortable conditions for about five hours each day. Laziness is the reason for all the mechanical developments. The human frame as we see it today is incapable of any serious labor."

Multiplication

Wolcott, N. Y.—Here's a way to multiply 11 by it becomes 34. Frank Green has 11 cows. One had triplets. The others had twins. The flock's increase was in two months.

Naturally

A chef states that too many raisins cannot be put in a plum pudding. Bobby agrees with the currant opinion.—Bystander.

Important Addition

J. Fuller Gloom—"Don't worry!" is a good motto, but it can be much improved by the addition of the single word "others."—Kansas City Star.

OLD SWORD RECALLS DE SOTO EXPEDITION

Part of Ancient Blade Dug Up in Georgia.

Washington, D. C.—Part of a rusty sword recently dug up in northern Georgia is believed to have been lost by the expedition of Hernando De Soto nearly 400 years ago.

"If this was the origin of the weapon," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society, "it is a relic of an expedition that was a tragic mistake from first to last, and the only important accomplishment of which was the discovery of the lower reaches of the Mississippi river.

Had Helped Conquer Peru.

"De Soto had amassed a fortune by his association with Pizarro in the conquest of Peru," continues the bulletin. "He prevailed upon King Charles V of Spain to grant him the right 'to conquer Florida,' and threw his fortune into the enterprise. The whole matter was approached on the basis of the conquest of South America and Mexico. De Soto thought the present southern states of the United States constituted a land of superlatively rich Incas and glamed to loot their 'temples' and 'palaces' of gold and precious stones.

"When he had wandered over what is now Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, hundreds of his men and scores of his horses, he came to the realization that there was nothing in the region worth 'conquering.'

"De Soto's expedition was not the first to reach Florida, but it was the first to go in on a large scale, and the first to penetrate westward through the Gulf states. His best-known predecessor in the peninsula was Ponce de Leon, who searched not for gold, but for the 'fountain of youth.' It was he who gave Florida its name.

"De Soto's party, including foot soldiers, cavalry, and servants, left Havana, Cuba, in May, 1539, and is believed to have landed on what is now Tampa bay. They pushed north through swamps and forests, always harassed by the Indians and spent their first winter near the present town of Tallahassee.

"In 1540 they went into the northern part of the present state of Georgia, still fighting and oppressing the Indians and still believing that gold was just around the corner. They wandered westward and southward to the vicinity of Mobile. The following winter was spent in the Yazoo valley in what is now Mississippi.

Found Mississippi Muddy.

"Soon after camp was broken in 1541, the westward-pushing wanderers came upon the 'Great River' as they called it, and the sight was unimpressive. It was muddy. An airplane takes the gold to Fairbanks or Juneau and brings back supplies in exchange or banks the gold. Business men who need to go from point to point now go by plane. Trappers make use of it not only to transport themselves but their valuable pelts and silver fox pelts. During the months when fur is being sent south for the Christmas trade, air transport is of great value to trappers. If they cannot deliver their furs to market in time for the busy season they lose money.

This First Lady Knows Her Eggs and Buys 'Em

Raleigh, N. C.—As the wife of a man who has spent many years in the public life of Washington and Raleigh, Mrs. Angus Wilton McLean, first lady of the Old North state, has come to be known as "the perfect hostess."

Prior to becoming chief executive of North Carolina in 1924, Governor McLean served as assistant treasurer of United States and director of the War Finance corporation and held other responsible official positions. During that period Mrs. McLean's social affairs, attended to the needs of high officials in government and international circles, have become known for their great dignity, hospitality and interest.

"Official life? Why, I like it very much," she says. "But not quite so much of it. I should like more time to be with my three children and to go about my own personal affairs."

Mrs. McLean personally manages the executive mansion, even to the marketing. Since she became its mistress, the social life of the great house has been revived with more interest than in many past years.

Modify Farm Methods to Halt Corn Borer

Washington.—In a survey of methods to be followed in controlling the corn borer, Jesse W. Tapp of the federal division of farm management found that farmers in the invaded portions of Ohio and Michigan are modifying their methods of handling corn.

Tapp says some are going so far as to consider the reduction of their corn acreage, at least for the present.

The extent to which cropping systems will be changed, Tapp believes will depend on the advantages of corn over other crops, either for feed or sale, and the ease or difficulty with which methods of corn production may be modified, so as to prevent borer infestation reaching proportions that will cause serious commercial damage.

Water and Land

The area of the earth is 196,872,000 square miles, of which water comprises 144,500,000 square miles and land 52,372,000 square miles.

Snowfall and Rainfall

If snow fell as fast as rain does in a tropical cloudburst, three minutes of snowfall would pile up 25 inches of snow.

Watch Still Ticking Found Inside Fish

Cape May, N. J.—A phenomenal croaker was hauled in recently by Capt. Francis Hughes and his party of fishing fleet, along the Delaware bay shore here. The captain was dangling his line over the side of ale boat when the croaker, a fish which noses among the sands for its food, grabbed his bait and as he was brought up his captor could hear a distinct tick, tick, tick.

The four-pound fish was opened and inside of him was a watch, which one of the party with Captain Holmes had dropped over the side a little while before. Despite a plunge of several fathoms and its incarceration inside the croaker, the timepiece had not missed a tick.

Fifteen Billion Stamps

To carry the letters of a year the government sells 15,000,000,000 postage stamps and 6,000,000 special delivery stamps.

Wonder if It Was Lewis

Literary Lion (on being introduced to patrician dame)—And is this the first time you've had the pleasure of meeting me, duchess?

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ALASKA AIR SERVICE COVERS 300,000 MILES

Costs About the Same as Dog Sledding.

Seattle, Wash.—Three hundred thousand miles of flying, 1,000 passengers and 30,000 pounds of freight transported by air without loss or injury. This record, which might be notable if made on a regular run in a temperate climate with full airport and emergency landing facilities, was reported recently by George E. King and Joseph Crosson of the Fairbanks Airplane corporation.

Fairbanks City in Alaska is near the center of that supposedly frigid territory; and it was in Alaska, with its jagged mountains, white in winter; its rivers of ice and its barren snow blanketed tundra, that this human and mechanical accomplishment was made, sometimes in a temperature of 50 degrees below zero.

Operating Three Years.

The Fairbanks Airplane corporation has been operating a flying service in Alaska for three years. It is now being reorganized under a new name with additional equipment. Until now its equipment has been one Fokker with a R. K. W. motor and room for pilot and six passengers, one Hispano-Suiza Swallow for pilot and two passengers, and a J. N. 4 D. of the same make, with a carrying capacity of pilot and one passenger.

Seven months of the year the flying machines are equipped with skis. The rest of the year being mild, wheel landing gear is used. Except for two hundreds of his men and scores of his horses, he came to the realization that there was nothing in the region worth 'conquering.'

Many times during the year the flying machines are compelled to land in city and fog or sleet, two of the greatest menaces to aviation. One of the hope is about 600 miles.

So far no regular schedules have been adhered to. King says that users of air transportation in Alaska calculated that journeys which by other available means of transit would take a week could be covered in an hour by air. The rate has been $1 a mile. "It costs just about as much to travel by dog sled," King added, "after paying for dogs, supplies, the outfit and for the guide. The cost is the same by air, but days or weeks of time are saved."

Used in Commerce.

The commerce peculiar to the country uses air transport. Alaska's main business is minerals and furs. To get from Fairbanks to Nome or Bethel or to Whitehorse in the Yukon, a prospector by land and transit would be from two weeks to two months on the way encountering hazard and hardship. King or Crosson or Carl Ellson, famous Arctic flyer and chief pilot of the company, will take him to his destination in seven and one-half hours.

Found Mississippi Muddy.

A remote prospector whose claims they may have a considerable quantity of placer gold and none of the things it will buy. An airplane takes the gold to Fairbanks or Juneau and brings back supplies in exchange or banks the gold. Business men who need to go from point to point now go by plane. Trappers make use of it not only to transport themselves but their valuable pelts and silver fox pelts. During the months when fur is being sent south for the Christmas trade, air transport is of great value to trappers. If they cannot deliver their furs to market in time for the busy season they lose money.

Stalk Basis of Cotton Production

In a recent radio speech given over WSB the Atlanta Journal Station, J. C. Pridmore, Director of the Soil Improvement Committee of the National Fertilizer Association, urged the adoption of the National Cotton Show which is being staged by the Committee together with the Sears Roebuck Agricultural Foundation.

"The stalk," stated Mr. Pridmore, "is the basis of all cotton production. No single acre yield, no ten acre yield is greater than the average stalk yield within that acre or ten acre tract. It was with the development of the unit, namely the stalk in mind, that the National Single Stalk Cotton Show was conceived.

"If we can stimulate the farmer's interest in the single stalk and bring his attention to the bearing of the stalk on his entire yield, our purpose in conducting the show will have been served."

Mr. Pridmore has just returned from a trip throughout the cotton producing territory where he has consulted with the agricultural leaders of the South. In addition to outlining the general plan of the show, Mr. Pridmore, in connection with outstanding cotton authorities has developed a score card by which cotton is to be examined.

"The show has been announced early," concluded Mr. Pridmore, "in order that every cotton farmer may have ample time to select his best stalk. We are going to broadcast about successful cotton practices all during summer. Seed selection, preparation of seed bed, proper spacing, and proved means of fertilization and cultivation will be among the subjects touched upon. It is going to be a dirt farmer's show and it has been arranged and planned so as to make it easy for the average farmer to enter it. Is only by appealing directly to the farmer himself that a project of a kind can be made successful and that is precisely what we have set out to do."

SAY BLOODSTAINS CAN BE TRACED

System Will Help in Detection of Crime.

London.—Suspected persons who tell detectives that bloodstains on clothing found are due to nosebleed or to cuts while shaving may now have their stories tested by chemical and microscopic methods, described to the Royal Institute of Public Health in London by Dr. Roche Lynch, expert in legal medicine.

Comparison of the "blood group" to which the suspected person belongs with blood in the stain often proves, Doctor Lynch said, that the blood is not self-shed, but must have come from some other person.

There are four recognized blood groups to which a person may belong, and it is possible to divide these into several subgroups, depending upon the presence or absence of specific chemical substances in the liquid part of the blood or in the solid corpuscles.

Tests for these substances can now be made, Doctor Lynch disclosed, on bloodstains at least a year old. It is sometimes possible to say not only that a bloodstain in question was not made by the blood of the suspected person, but that it probably did come from a murdered victim, if that is the truth.

This can be tried whenever a sample of stain known to be of the victim's blood is available for comparison.

There are some uncertainties, Doctor Lynch admitted, but he believes that these new blood tests should be used in criminal practice more often.

New Pneumonia Serum Covers All Four Types

New York.—A new serum for treating pneumonia, developed by Dr. L. D. Felton of Harvard university, has given promising results in combating this highly fatal disease.

The serum marks an advance in that it can be used for all four of the recognized types of pneumonia, according to Dr. Russell L. Cecil of the Bellevue hospital, who has obtained very efficacious results from its use in the pneumonic clinic of that hospital. It works best with types one and two, the two groups that comprise the majority of pneumonia cases. The recoveries after its use with type one have been very encouraging. Indeed, Doctor Cecil declared, though the other type three has proved the least amenable of any group.

Pneumonia serums used in the past have been responsible for type three certain laboratory procedures have to be followed out before the type from which the patient is suffering can be determined, precious time often has to be lost before the doctors know which serum to give. The Felton serum of mixed cultures can be administered on admission to the hospital and frequently a gain of many hours can be made in checking the course of the disease.

Hunter Loses as Utah Deer Dies in Colorado

Ft. Morgan, Colo.—During the short season last winter when hunters were allowed to shoot deer in Utah, Harley Thomas, a hunter in the Diamond mountains near the Utah-Colorado line, shot a large buck on the Utah side, but the wounded animal ran back into Colorado and dropped dead.

Thomas went after the buck, but when he arrived where it lay he found a Colorado game warden sitting on the carcass of the dead animal. Even though the deer was shot in Utah, whiteh at that time gave the hunter the right to hunt deer, the Colorado warden refused to turn the animal over to Thomas, as the Colorado game law forbid transportation of the carcass of a legally killed deer beyond the state line.

Thomas was not allowed to kill another deer that season as he had already killed his allotment by law, although he was not allowed to keep it. This is the first case of this kind to happen regarding the killing of deer, but under the laws of both states officials were unable to do anything to aid the hunter.

Doctor's Bills Low on His Majesty's Estate

Sandringham, England.—The services and skill of King George's resident doctor for two years (4 cents) a week a family are one of the many features of the economies on the Sandringham estate that are due to the benevolence of his majesty.

The penny is a powerful coin at Sandringham, for this amount each week entitles workers on the estate to use a well-equipped club replete with billiard room, library and reading room. Beer may be obtained here at reduced prices.

On Saturdays popular concerts are arranged and again a penny covers admission, children one-half penny. The proceeds go to charity.

The estate contains many fine homes for the widows of estate workers, and retiring employees receive a pension with other advantages.

Saved by Convicts

Norristown, Pa.—The crew of a naval balloon owe their lives to some convicts. Caught in a squall, the balloon threw out ropes when over a prison farm. Several dozen men grabbed them willingly and were dragged across two fields before the bag was brought down.

Totally Indifferent

He was a veteran actor, with an extremely indifferent outlook on life, appearing in a very good show but in a minor part.

"How's the play going?" asked a friend on meeting him.

"Pretty fair, I'm told," drawled the actor.

"What's it about?"

"Don't know."

"For heaven's sake," exclaimed the friend, "surely you've seen the thing, you're in on it?"

"No," returned the veteran of the boards. "Several times after the first act I've thought of going round to the front to see what it was all about, but somehow I've never quite got there."

Pearl in Every Book

There are people, it seems, who value things in proportion to the price that is put on them; and because the Bible can be bought for a few pence, or a few shillings, pass it by as a common thing. "Why should we buy your cheap little books?" scornfully asked a man in Burma. The colporteur replied: "Yes, they are cheap, only two pice a copy, but I have seen the people of Ceylon buying oysters at one pice, in the hope of finding a pearl. And here—there is a pearl in every book." It was a happy answer, and the colporteur spoke better than he knew, for the pearl is the best symbol of beauty born of pain.—Montreal Herald.

Stone Bathtubs

In Mexico and many of the Central American countries where the tropical heat makes the water in city mains too warm for pleasant bathing the people use a plan adopted hundreds of years ago in those regions. Bathtubs are cut from solid rock near a natural spring of pure water, or fed by a stream through bamboo pipes. These stone baths are the finest in any of most of the wealthy citizens and all hotels have them attached to their buildings. Travelers from Northern countries find these cool baths very refreshing.

Normandy Justice

Ernest Dawson, poet of tragic memory, when living at a Normandy village, got into a fight with a local man and was arrested. A deputation of villagers went to the magistrate and pointed out that M. Dawson was one of the most illustrious English poets.

"Quite right to remind me," said the magistrate. "I will imprison the baker instead."

And he did.—Detroit News.

His Surprise

Little Audrey and her smaller cousin were playing in the garden when a clamor arose, and the lady went out to see what was wrong.

"Oh, mercy!" she cried as she reentered the residence. "Audrey has cut her cousin almost to pieces with your razor!"

Her hostess-in-law laughed heartily, because he had had no idea the razor was as sharp as that.—Kansas City Star.

Gets $25,000 for Toe

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Virginie White, sixteen, was awarded a $25,000 verdict against the Pittsburgh Railways company by a jury here for the loss of the great toe on her right foot, because, among other reasons, it later forced with her dancing.

Deep Thoughts, Probably

Philosophers think a scientist says. And what do you reckon they think about?—Daily Oklahoman.

Starvation Is Found to be Best Rat Poison

Paris.—Starvation was adopted as the best rat exterminator at an anti-rat congress which has just met here. Paul Boujs, prefect of the Seine, has ordered that garbage cans must have ratproof covers and that new apartment houses must have a special room, with double metal doors, for the cans.

The congress will continue its research in Le Havre, one of the worst sufferers from rats in France.

SEEK RIGHT NAMES OF PLACES IN U. S.

Compile Guide to Spelling and Pronunciation.

Washington.—An official guide to names of American places, hard to pronounce and harder to spell, will be provided when the United States Geographic board completes a new gazetteer.

Recognizing the need for determining, for example, whether the Minnesota iron range should be spelled Mesabi or Mesaba or Missabi, the board has been working through various sources to dispose finally and officially of such riddles.

More than half the states are co-operating by appointing a board to supply information. Frank Bond, chairman of the geographic board, now is correlating local prejudice and practice with what has become more or less official through decisions of the board.

The dispute in the state of Washington over the name of Mount Rainier, which residents of the town of Tacoma wished changed to honor their community, is the outstanding controversy that has had the board's consideration.

Years ago it handed down a decision that the name of Mallalaher should remain, but the town did not wish to abide by the decision and took its case to congress in the form of a bill, which is now pigeon-holed.

"The names given by natural features," says Bond, "afford the greatest number of controversies. They are generally of ephemeral origin, of incidental or accidental application to meet a passing need."

Woman Seeks Degree After 8 Years' Lapse

Columbia, S. C.—Absence of eight years from college has proved no deterrent to Mrs. Irene Wellwood, who is seeking a degree at the University of South Carolina this year.

She celebrated her decision to return to work by achieving the highest single average of any member of the Chi Omega sorority group, which in turn earned the highest scholastic average of any women's group on the campus.

Mrs. Wellwood is the wife of Arthur B. Wellwood, resident engineer at the Saluda power dam under construction 17 miles from here. Her marriage caused her to withdraw from Vassa. college eight years ago, but she is determined to complete her college work.

Expressing the opinion that women cannot find a satisfying life by a round of teas, bridge and housework when they have stopped their education, Mrs. Wellwood intends to tour Europe this summer to perfect her knowledge of French so that she may teach it.

France May Sell Part of Stamp Collection

Paris.—France may sell part of its stamp collection. This is the complete set of postage stamps issued by France since stamps first were used here in 1848, a collection that covers eighty years.

The government mint keeps the rare collection with the old copper plates that made them in a safe that holds the dies for stamping metal money and the official set of platinum weights and measures. There are three keys to the safe, each held by a different official and all necessary for the opening of the big treasure chest.

There are several sheets of many issues of the old stamps and often a number of proofs in various colors that were never adopted. Also, there are many foreign stamps, obtained through exchange with other governments.

Mint officials propose putting a complete set in the National library and selling the remainder, expecting to get big prices.

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